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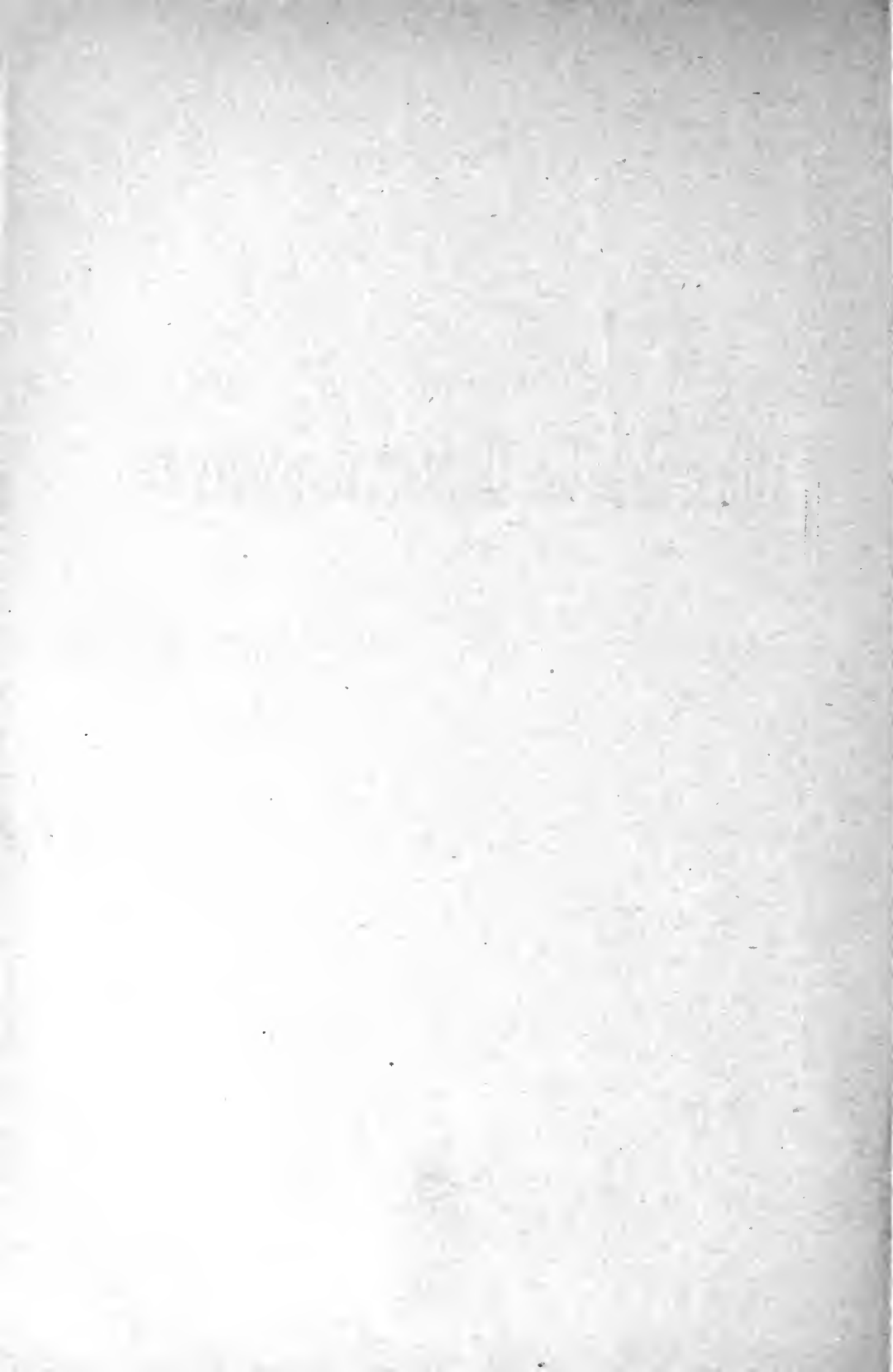
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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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### ORGANIC.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Recess.
3. Call to order, singing and prayer.
4. Call for letters of churches by districts.
5. Read letters and record delegates' names.
6. Elect Moderator and Clerk.

### REGULAR ORDER—NEW ORGANIZATION.

1. Invite visiting brethren and welcome them.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for correspondents and appoint the same.
4. Appoint committees to report at this session.
5. Name home for friends.
6. Adjourn for Christian Sabbath.

### THIRD DAY.

1. Call to order, prayer, renew call for correspondents.
2. Call roll of churches and correct errors.
3. Read Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Decorum.
4. Call for reports of Standing Committees.
5. Appoint Standing Committees.
6. Appoint time and place for next session.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Attend to Corresponding letters.
9. Hear resolutions.
10. Read and correct the Minutes and adjourn to time and place appointed.

## MINUTES.

FORNEY, ALA., September 27th, 1898.

As previously appointed The Cherokee County Baptist Association convened with Bethel church at 10 o'clock a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. W. Grogan, from Text: "No man cometh unto me except the Father draw him," St. John 6th chapter, 44th verse. After service the association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

### First Day—Afternoon Session.

The association re-convened at 1:30 p. m. The moderator read the 62d chapter of Isaiah after which the association was led in prayer by Elder Thomas Blair. The moderator announced the association ready for business. The roll of the churches was called and the following delegates enrolled.

#### First District.

Nazereth—M. C. Carroll, Arthur Ashburn, G. W. Lindsay.

Bethel—E. H. LeCroy, E. H. Hardin, D. F. Wood, Elder H. W. Roberts.

Sandy Creek—L. A. McCarley, J. D. Holtzclaw, Z. Adams.

Pilgrims Rest—H. V. Shaw, A. D. Wilson.

Rock Run—J. W. Stephens, Wm. Pope, Marion Robertson, Elders W. H. Stephens and A. Pope.

Liberty—G. D. Hanks, H. W. White, E. Burns.

Philadelphia—Not represented.

#### Second District.

Friendship—J. B. Lewis, J. K. Neyman, J. M. DeBerry.

Providence—Elder Thomas Blair.

Pine Grove—G. T. Angle, L. A. Steel, F. L. Corley, Elder W. W. Grogan.

Chalcedonia—W. S. Cothran, J. I. Davis, W. T. Lambert, Elder W. W. Singleton.

Mt. Zion—J. M. Richardson, J. T. Ellis, Elder L. R. Wood.

Mt. Carmel—Not represented.

New Bethel—John Lambert, R. E. Dyke, J. M. Peak, Elder J. M. Smith.

#### Third District.

Centre—W. F. Cromer, Thomas Winn, J. W. Whorton.

Melrose—Not represented.

Pleasant Valley—Not represented.

Tate's Chapel—R. T. Ewing, H. L. Smith.

Friendship—J. A. Sims.

Unity—Letter—no delegates.

Pisgah—J. R. Collins.

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The moderator appointed L. A. McCarley and Elder J. W. Sandlin tellers to receive and cast up the ballot in the election of officers for the ensuing year. The tellers reported the following officers elected:—For Moderator, Elder H. W. Roberts, for Clerk, Jacob W. Whorton.

Upon re-assuming the duties of Moderator Brother Roberts thanked the association for this renewal of their esteem for him and again announced the association ready for business. On motion the order of business in force last session be adopted for this.

Called for visiting brethren.

Called for petitionary letters.

Called for correspondents, and received, Elder J. W. Sandlin representing the State Board of Missions.

Brother Sandlin was welcomed and on motion received as the representative of the State Board of Missions. On motion no appointments were made of correspondents to other associations, and any member of this body being present at any other association with which this body corresponds was authorized and instructed to represent this body in such associations. Appointed following committee to report this session.

On preaching—G. D. Hanks, J. M. Richardson, with the deacons of Bethel church.

On deceased ministers—W. S. Cothran, John T. Ellis, J. W. Lindsey.

On finance—R. T. Ewing, E. Burns, J. K. Neyman.

On nominations—E. Hardin, Arthur Wilson, J. D. Holtzclaw.

The committee on preaching reported that Elder J. W. Sandlin would preach at Bethel church at 7 p. m.

In the absence of Elder W. V. Monroe, chairman of committee to report on education, Brother E. Burns was appointed chairman of said committee.

Elder W. H. Moon, chairman of committee on revivals, was also absent and Elder W. W. Grogan was appointed in his place. Also appointed Brother J. D. Holtzclaw chairman of committee on religious literature in place of Elder J. T. Barlette, who was absent.

Announced homes for delegates and correspondents.

On motion the reports on missions were made a special order for 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Called for reports of standing committees.

A. Pope submitted his report on Sabbath schools as follows: The letters from the several churches to this association show that about one-fourth of the churches have Sabbath school. We regret that so small a number report schools and that such little interest is manifested in this important work. We look upon the sabbath schools as a great factor in training the minds of the young for a proper reception of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted, A. POPE, Chairman.

The report was adopted after being ably discussed by Pope, Sandlin, Roberts, Watts, Singleton, Sims and Wood. On motion the association adjourned to 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### **Second Day—Morning Session.**

Renewed call for correspondents. Received and welcomed Brothers D. N. Hampton and Young Copeland from Floyd County Ga. Association.

Called the roll of churches and corrected errors. Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

Renewed call for reports of standing committees. Brother W. S. Cothran read his report on deceased ministers: Your committee on deceased ministers are glad to report, that after diligently inquiring and hearing the letters from the several churches we find that none of the ministers of our associations have died since our last meeting, for which we are very grateful to our Heavenly Father for His protecting care in sparing the lives of our ministers.

W. S. COTHMAN Chairman

The report was adopted.

### **Report on Religious Literature**

was submitted by J. D. Holtzclaw as follows: We recommend that the brethren throughout our association take and read some good religious journal. We recommend the Alabama Baptist and Home and Foreign Mission Journals. We further suggest that the Sabbath schools use the Baptist literature, published at Nashville, Tenn., in connection with the Bible. Brethren, we especially recommend the reading of the Bible above all other literature, as we are commanded in the blessed word of God, to search the scriptures. We think the Bible should be read and studied extensively, both in the Sunday school and in the home. We also recommend the use of the old Baptist hymn book for church music in preference to the great variety of new books which are being introduced, as we believe them to be more in keeping with religious services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HOLTZCLAW, Chairman.

The report was adopted after being discussed by Sims, Sandlin, Pope and Singleton. Report on missions, having been made a special order for 9:30 a. m. was now taken up.

### **Report on Home Missions.**

Great and powerful as are the forces antagonizing Christianity, and dark as the outlook sometimes seems to be, it is still true that the forces at the command of our religion were never before as potent and efficient as now, and never were so many Christians willing to lay down their lives for Christ as now. We find that the Home Mission Board has on the field 467 Missionaries and has accomplished the following

work: The missionaries have labored 11,407 weeks, have in charge 1,960 churches, have delivered 49,306 sermons and addresses, They have 10,359 prayer meetings in progress, have made 59,841 religious visits, have baptised 4,739 converts, received 4,770 persons into the church by letter, making a total added to the church of 9,509. They have constituted 103 churches, built 45 houses of worship, improved 68 houses of worship, expended on houses of worship \$59,629, organizing 297 Sunday schools which have 7,710 teachers and pupils in attendance, have distributed 4,668 Bibles and testaments and 1,580,741 tracts. Now let us rise from the contemplation of these statistics with more grateful hearts. We had 467 at work under our Home Board last year. They received a salary of about \$144 each. Your committee believes that we should do more for this work. More money can be raised and should be. We believe that the support of missions is practical Christianity, Faith without works is dead, being alone.

Respectfully submitted, T. BLAIR, Chairman

#### Report on State Missions.

The cause of missions is the cause of God. Are we God's people? Do we love him? If so, we should honor him. God is honored and glorified in the salvation of souls. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. It is our duty to disseminate the gospel. This is not intended to be read over hastily and carelessly thrown aside, but the urgent appeal is now made to you as a Christian, that if you love your Savior and have faith in him, you should show your faith by your works. True he says, "If ye love me keep my commandments." If you trust Him for salvation can you not trust Him with your means? Have faith in God!

"Oh make but a trial of his love

Experience will decide

How blest are they and only they

Who in his truth confide."

Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty. Do you believe this, my brother? Jacob's vow was to give one tenth of his income. What does our rule of faith and practice say? "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him. How much owest thou my Lord. Now my dear brother or sister, if you have the mind to give and have not the means, ask the Lord for the means to give and when you secure it give where you think it will do the most good. By cultivating the spirit and habit of benevolence you will not only realize God's blessings upon yourself but will bestow upon others favors of incalculable worth, and you will grow to be a better man or woman by it. But oh! says someone, you are begging for money, salvation is free. Have you none of the spirit of mission about you? Then you have not the spirit



of Christ and if you have not his spirit you are none of his. Every church should be a missionary band and carry out the missionary work. For what were you organized but to help extend the kingdom of Christ. Be no longer idle in the vineyard of the Lord, whatsoever is right he will give you. If but little here,

"Soon the joyful news will come  
Child your father calls, come home."

Our churches are not supporting the ministry. They should be taught their duty in this respect, for if they remain as they are times will be no better. You will find it to be true, if you will pay your pastor better, you will have better preaching by those who supply your churches--with the scanty pay they get they cannot perform the duties of a pastor much less do any mission work. The foreign mission field is full of activity. The home and state mission boards are doing a noble work. Let us sustain them! Surely no member of this body will again oppose state missions after witnessing the effective work done by the foreign, home and state mission boards in the bounds of the Southern Baptist convention this summer. The work of missions is a work for the ages. The gospel at home and abroad is shedding its life-giving power. Are you lending a helping hand? "There is that that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that that withholdeth more than is meet, yet tendeth to poverty."

REUBEN T. EWING, Chairman

#### **Report on Foreign Missions.**

We insist that in carrying out the great commission of our Savior we have the special promise of the Holy Spirit, and realizing the great need of the Spirit in our every-day life, we think it is well for us to be very zealous in this work. We believe that God never asked anything of any people that was out of their power; therefore, if the four million Baptists in the United States would arise in their strength they could evangelize the world in a few years. But there are so many that say that they have a willing mind but are not able to give anything and pay their debts. To such we would say in the language of the Word: "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase."

We know that in olden time there was a tithe required of all, both great and small, and it would be well for every one of us to remember the widow's mite and remember that the Savior has the same kind words for us if we would do likewise. Following is a tabulated statement of the work of last year carried on by the Southern Baptist Convention:

| <b>COUNTRIES.</b> | <b>Date of<br/>Organiza-<br/>tion</b> | <b>No. of<br/>Mission-<br/>aries</b> | <b>Native<br/>Assistants</b> | <b>No. of<br/>Churches</b> | <b>Baptisms<br/>in 1897</b> | <b>Member-<br/>ship</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| China .....       | 1845                                  | 40                                   | 43                           | 21                         | 208                         | 1,499                   |
| Africa .....      | 1850                                  | 3                                    | 10                           | 6                          | 43                          | 313                     |
| Italy .....       | 1870                                  | 1                                    | 25                           | 21                         | 55                          | 481                     |
| Mexico .....      | 1880                                  | 13                                   | 17                           | 32                         | 101                         | 1,132                   |
| Brazil .....      | 1882                                  | 13                                   | 15                           | 21                         | 283                         | 1,274                   |
| Japan .....       | 1889                                  | 6                                    | 7                            | 1                          | 11                          | 61                      |
| <b>Total.....</b> |                                       | <b>76</b>                            | <b>117</b>                   | <b>102</b>                 | <b>701</b>                  | <b>4,760</b>            |

Now, when we see that the work has been blessed by the saving of 701 souls in foreign fields and still the Macedonian cry is heard, can we afford to sit still, knowing that it is written "woe to them that are at ease in Zion."

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. GROGAN, Chairman.

These several reports on missions were discussed jointly by Sandlin, Whorton, Neyman and DeBerry. Pending this discussion the association adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m. Elder J. W. Sandlin preached a forcible and interesting sermon from the text: "Would a man rob God?" Malichi iii:8.

#### **Second Day—Afternoon Session.**

The Association re-assembled, and, after singing a hymn, was led in prayer by Brother D. N. Hampton, of Floyd County Association. Elder J. W. Pullen was welcomed as a correspondent from Floyd County Association.

The Association resumed the discussion of the reports on missions, which was further discussed by Elder J. W. Pullen, Singleton, Grogan and Sims, and then adopted.

#### **Report on Temperance.**

Your committee on temperance would submit the following report: It seems that enough has been said in former reports on this subject, and the discussions and resolutions by this Association in former sessions has been full enough and strong enough to accomplish something in the way of a remedy for the great evils of intemperance. But if there has been any effect, if the evils so justly depicted have been to any great extent abated, we have not been able to detect it.

We do not deem it necessary to call attention to the statistics which has so often been produced showing that our people spend more for intoxicating drinks than they do for food or clothing, or for the support of the schools, colleges or churches in the country. Of course these figures and facts are astounding, still they remain to be facts notwithstanding we have resolved and discussed for years.

It does seem strange that an intelligent people would go

on with a knowledge of these things and no concerted effort to correct so great an evil and remove the greatest curse that rests upon our land.

Time will not permit me to mention all this phases of this question, but anyone of a great many that could be mentioned is sufficient to impel us to some effort to do our duty. God's word says that no drunkard shall enter Heaven and that cursed is he that putteth the bottle to his neighbors lips. This is enough; this alone should decide every Christian to oppose by every means possible the use, as a beverage, or the traffic to dispose of this blighting curse.

Now let us act; we have resolutely and discussed enough, let us as individuals teach our children to shun the intoxicating cup that it will wreck his fortune and in the end damn his soul.

Let us as churches teach our people that this evil costs us more than all our churches and schools and more than doubles our taxes. Let us be consisted in our prayers and in our actions. If we pray for just and sober and God-like men to rule over us and to file our offices let us vote accordingly, God will not bless a man that prays for one thing and votes for another. Let us pray, act and vote to relieve our country of this the greatest of all curses.

J. W. WHORTON, Chairman.

The report was ably discussed by Sandlin, Cromer, Pullen, Hampton, Grogan, Sims Blair, Roberts, Hardin, Pope, Davis and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Committee on preaching reported that Elder, Thos. Blair would preach at the church to-night, the report was concurred in. The association joined brother J. M. DeBerry in prayer and then adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning

### **Third Day—Morning Session.**

The association was promptly called to order at 8 o'clock a. m. by the moderation who read the 12th chapter of Romans after which the association joined W. W. Grogan in prayer and then proceeded to business. Renewed call for reports of standing committees.

### **Report on Revivals.**

We regret to learn through the letters, that some of the churches have had no revivals, while others have been wonderfully blessed, for which we are thankful.

Brethern, we have found, in our experience, that a great many times the church sets still and waits for the preacher to get up a revival, but we have also found that to be a failure. But when the church takes hold with the preacher a revival is sure to follow, by the church being blessed and sinners convicted and mourners converted, and the Lord glorified.

W. W. GROGAN, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Grogan, Sims and Blair, and then adopted.

Brother White, principal of the Hearn School, at Cave Spring, Ga., was recognized and welcomed to the privileges of the body.

The committee on finance made their report as follows, which was adopted :

### Report on Finance.

#### RECEIPTS.

|  |          |
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| By cash and vouchers received for Home Missions..... | \$ 9.98  |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ Foreign “ .....                          | 43.85    |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ State “ .....                            | 20.80    |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ Orphans' Home.....                       | 5.11     |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ Public collections ..                    | 8.51     |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ Minutes.....                             | 18.27    |
| Total .....  | \$106.52 |

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Paid to J. W. Sandlin, State Evangelist, by order<br>of the Association, for all the Boards and<br>Orphans' Home..... | \$ 88.25               |
| Paid to J. W. Whorton, clerk, for minutes....   | 18.27—\$106.52         |
| Respectfully submitted,   | R. T. EWING, Chairman. |

### Report on Education.

We note with pleasure the progress in educational work in Cherokee county within the past few years, but we realize with regret that we are yet behind some of our neighboring counties. We believe some of the evils that greatly retard the progress of our public schools are lack of organization, lack of sufficient school revenue and a hearty co-operation of parents with teachers. We recommend that our brethren educate their children in the schools of the county, as far as practicable and that we encourage longer terms by suppling the public funds. We feel that the Baptist cause in the state of Alabama demands that we support Baptist schools in higher education, but the cause of education demands that our public schools should be non-denominational. We believe that the world will be brought to Christ through intelligence and that educated gentlemen and ladies make more effective church workers. History teaches us that nations that have attained the highest degree of intelligence have reached the highest type of Christianity. To sustain schools that our brethren and the state at large may point to with pride. We need to divest ourselves of prejudice and of that natural self interest which so often blinds us to the best interest of our fellows. Respectfully submitted, E. BURNS, Chairman

The report was ably discussed before adoption, by White, Burns, Pullen and Sandlin.

The following standing committees, to report next session were appointed:

Foreign missions—W. W. Singleton, L. A. Steel, W. F. Cromer.

Home missions—W. W. Grogan, T. W. Moon, J. T. Ellis.

State missions—T. Blair, J. J. Lambert, G. W. Lindsay.

Temperance.—J. I. Davis, J. B. Lewis, E. H. LeCroy.

Education—J. D. Holtzclaw, E. Burns, A. Pope.

Revivals—Arthur Wilson, L. A. McCarley, Arthur Ashburn.

Religious literature—D. F. Wood, G. T. Angle, Milton Watts.

Sunday schools—R. T. Ewing, L. R. Wood, W. H. Stephen's.

#### Next Session.

The next session of this association was appointed to meet with Liberty Church, near Spring Garden, on Selma Division of Southern Railway, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in October 1899.

#### Resolutions

Resolved, That, hereafter, delegates coming from churches that send up no funds for missions, will be required to give the cause, or causes, to the association, why no mission funds are sent up.

R. T. EWING.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Bethel church and surrounding community for their kindness and hospitality during our stay in their midst.

The following appointments were made by the committee on nomination:

Elder J. M. Smith to preach the introductory sermon; Elder W. H. Stephens, alternate.

Elder A. Pope to preach the missionary sermon; Elder H. W. Roberts, alternate.

On motion omitted reading, correcting and adopting that part of the minutes not so adopted and the correction of same was left with the clerk.

On motion a committee consisting of H. W. Roberts, J. W. Whorton and R. T. Ewing was appointed to arrange for the holding of a Preachers' Institute for the benefit of preachers in this association and instructing the committee to hold said institute at Tate's Chapel.

Then, after giving each other the parting hand, the brethren were led in prayer by Elder J. W. Pullen, and thus another harmonious and we hope profitable session was closed; adjourning to meet with Liberty Church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in October, 1899.

J. W. WHORTON, Clerk.

H. W. ROBERTS, Moderator.

### Ordained Ministers.

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| M. D. Keener, Centre, Ala.  | J. T. Bartlett, Sand Rock, Ala.  |
| L. R. Wood, Exis, Ala.      | W. W. Singleton, Centre, Ala.    |
| Thos. Blair, Centre, Ala.   | W. H. Moon, Coloma, Ala.         |
| W. W. Grogan, Centre, Ala.  | J. R. Trotter, Rock Run, Ala.    |
| A. Pope, Rock Run, Ala.     | W. H. Stephens, Rock Run, Ala.   |
| J. C. Holder, Reaves, Ala.  | J. M. Smith, Bomar, Ala.         |
| J. N. Hale, Sand Rock, Ala. | N. G. Goswick, Tecumseh, Ala.    |
| T. R. Hanson, Haynie, Ga.   | H. W. Roberts, Maple Grove, Ala. |
| W. V. Monroe, Centre, Ala.  | J. T. White, Spring Garden, Ala. |

## CONSTITUTION.

**ARTICLE 1.** The Association must be composed of members chosen from the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches in our Union shall be expressed their numbers in fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, exonerated, restored and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Cherokee County Baptist Association, and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any church or churches of the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper rule of decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by this Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

7. Every church in this Union shall be entitled to three representatives in the Association.

8. No query shall come into the Association without first being debated in the churches from whence it came, when, if it still remains a difficulty with the church, it shall be received by the Association; such queries excepted which concern our Union.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who gave it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings, being furnished with money by the churches for that purpose.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

13. The Association shall have power—1. To provide for the general union of the churches. 2. To preserve inviolate a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches advice in different cases. 4. To inquire why any church fails to represent herself at any time in the Association. 5. To appoint any member or members; by and with his or her consent, to transact any business

they may deem necessary. 6. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of government 7. To adjourn themselves to such further time and place as they may think most convenient to the churches.

### ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and are, therefore, the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrines of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Christ by imputation.
7. We believe the saints will persevere in grace and never finally fall away.
8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and that baptism is immersion.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment.
10. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.
11. We believe that no person has a right to the administration of the ordinances but those who are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.
12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet, and, on obtaining leave, proceed to speak, not exceeding fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.
6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the same by naming him or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in hand or use words of personal reflection; and every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be first decided on or withdrawn before others are offered.
9. When anything is taken up the Association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays.
10. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision of the body immediately after it is decided.

11. No person shall depart the service of the Association without leave.
12. The appellation of brother shall be used in our addresses to one another.
13. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. No member shall be allowed to indulge in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in time of a public speech.
15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided he appoints some other to his seat while he is speaking; but shall not vote unless the Association is equally divided.
16. Any member breaking this decorum shall be reprov'd at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day on which the breach is made.
17. All cases coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority of the members present, except the reception of churches into our Union, which shall be unanimous.

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| CHURCH  | PASTOR          | CLERK             | CLERK'S P. O.    | Increase by                 |         |        |             | Decrease by |           |       |                       | S. S.                    |        | Preaching<br>Sabbaths | Reports<br>Prayer Meetings | Reports Revival | For Missions | For Minutes |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
|   |                 |                   |                  | Membership<br>Last Reported | Baptism | Letter | Restoration | Letter      | Extension | Death | Present<br>Membership | Officers and<br>Teachers | Pupils |                       |                            |                 |              |             |
| Bethel  | H. W. Roberts,  | G. W. Hardeck,    | Forney, Ala.     | 127                         | 2       | 2      |             |             |           | 126   | 5                     | 30                       | 24     |                       |                            | \$13.06         | 1.25         |             |
| Chalcedonia   | J. M. Smith,    | W. S. Cochran,    | Howells X Roads, | 188                         | 5       | 6      |             | 4           | 1         | 86    | 7                     | 50                       | 1      | 1                     |                            | 1.75            | 1.10         |             |
| Friendship, 2d dist.  | A. Brock,       | J. W. Whorton,    | Centre,          | 19                          | 7       | 7      |             | 10          | 3         | 25    |                       |                          | 1      | 1                     |                            | 3.00            | .75          |             |
| Friendship, 3d dist.  | T. E. Hanson,   | M. A. Hopper,     | Whorton,         | 106                         | 4       | 1      | 1           | 2           | 1         | 110   | 5                     | 50                       | 1      | 1                     |                            | 3.85            | 1.80         |             |
| Liberty   | J. T. Bartlett, | J. E. M. Sims,    | Sand Kock,       | 1                           | 1       | 2      |             | 5           | 2         | 50    | 5                     | 50                       | 4      | 1                     |                            | 1.41            | 1.41         |             |
| Melrose   | G. W. Harris,   | J. E. Roberts,    | Pleasant Gap,    | 104                         | 16      | 6      |             | 9           | 5         | 121   | 5                     | 60                       | 1      | 1                     |                            | 6.50            | 1.60         |             |
| Not represented   | Not represented |                   |                  | 40                          | 4       | 3      |             | 2           | 1         | 49    | 6                     |                          | 3      |                       |                            | 4.00            | 1.10         |             |
| St. Zion  | N. W. Groszau,  | T. J. Lewallen,   | Coloma,          | 25                          |         |        |             | 3           |           | 62    | 25                    |                          |        |                       |                            |                 |              |             |
| St. Carmel  | Not represented |                   |                  | 28                          |         |        |             | 3           |           | 28    |                       |                          | 1      |                       |                            |                 |              |             |
| St. Willard   | Not represented | G. W. Lindsey,    | Forney,          | 82                          | 2       | 5      |             | 8           | 2         | 84    |                       |                          | 1      |                       |                            | 2.30            | 1.50         |             |
| Nazareth  | T. E. Hanson,   | J. K. Richardson, | Key,             | 82                          | 1       | 8      |             | 10          | 1         | 80    | 57                    |                          | 2      | 1                     |                            | 2.10            | 1.25         |             |
| New Bethel  | T. E. Hanson,   | J. B. Collins,    | Albany,          | 57                          |         |        |             | 1           |           | 56    |                       |                          | 2      |                       |                            |                 |              |             |
| Pisgah  | T. Blair,       |                   |                  | 18                          |         |        |             | 5           |           | 13    | 101                   |                          |        |                       |                            |                 |              |             |
| Pleasant Valley   | Not represented |                   |                  | 101                         | 8       |        |             | 2           | 4         | 107   | 74                    | 5                        | 1      |                       |                            | 2.00            | 1.82         |             |
| Pleasant's Rest   | J. R. Trotter,  | A. D. Wilson,     | Forney,          | 74                          |         |        |             | 4           | 1         | 74    |                       | 6                        |        |                       |                            |                 |              |             |
| Philadelphia  | Not represented |                   |                  | 41                          | 2       | 3      |             | 2           | 1         | 42    |                       | 40                       | 1      | 1                     |                            | 4.35            | 1.00         |             |
| Providence  | W. W. Groszau,  | E. M. Scull,      | Centre,          | 41                          | 2       | 3      |             | 2           | 1         | 42    |                       | 40                       | 1      | 1                     |                            | 4.35            | 1.00         |             |
| Rice Grove  | W. W. Groszau,  | L. F. Daniel,     | Centre,          | 47                          | 22      | 9      |             | 12          | 4         | 57    | 5                     | 30                       | 1      | 1                     |                            | 6.30            | 1.30         |             |
| Rock Run  | W. H. Stephens, | J. W. Stephens,   | Rock Run,        | 40                          |         | 2      | 1           | 1           | 1         | 40    |                       |                          | 3      | 4                     |                            | 1.35            | .75          |             |
| Sandy Creek   | J. M. Smith,    | J. H. Wood,       | Forney,          | 83                          |         |        |             | 13          | 1         | 77    |                       |                          |        |                       |                            | 10.20           | 1.50         |             |
| Tates Chapel  | H. W. Roberts,  | R. T. Ewing,      | Centre,          | 39                          | 1       |        |             | 6           | 1         | 42    | 5                     | 30                       |        |                       |                            | 8.78            | 1.10         |             |
| Unity   | J. C. Holden,   | W. F. Estes,      | Reaves,          | 39                          |         |        |             | 7           |           | 28    |                       |                          | 4      | 1                     |                            | 8.30            | .30          |             |
| Amount paid in, more than is shown by amount of public collection |                 |                   |                  |                             |         |        |             |             |           |       |                       |                          |        |                       |                            | 8.51            |              |             |
| Totals  |                 |                   |                  | 1430                        | 67      | 63     | 16          | 100         | 24        | 1437  | 37                    | 330                      |        | 8                     | 7                          | \$88.25         | \$18.27      |             |

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| A New Side Piece or Temple, for.....                       | .25    |
| A New Eye Glass Spring, for.....                           | .25    |
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